Global trade of Processed Foods

1250. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Ministry of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is one of the largest producers of fruits and vegetables, but its share in the global trade of processed fruits and vegetables is less than 1 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only 0.8 per cent of the horticulture products are processed in India; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the measures to increase it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) According to a study conducted by M/s. Rabo India Finance Pvt. Ltd. India is the second largest producer of fruits and vegetables in the world. However, India's export of agricultural and food products are estimated to constitute 1.6% of total global trade.

(b) and (c) Level of processing of fruits and vegetables in the country is estimated at 1.4% in the organized sector and 0.8% in the unorganized sector. The reasons for low level of processing are lack of appropriate infrastructure, cold chain, processing facilities, seasonality of raw material etc. The Government have implemented Plan Scheme to provide financial assistance for establishment and modernization of the food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of the food processing industries. Fruit and vegetable processing units are exempted from payment of excise duty. Recently for giving boost to the FPI sector Government in 2004-05 has allowed under Income Tax Act a deduction of 100% of profit for five year and 25% of profits for the next five years in case of new agro processing industries set up to process, preserve and package fruits and vegetables.

Illegal Nursing Home in Delhi

1251. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than 1000 nursing homes

are functioning in the Capital without any valid document which finally causes trouble for families who want to claim medical insurance; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against those nursing homes who lend thousand of patients into trouble after paying hefty bills at such nursing homes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is primarily the responsibility of the Government of NCT of Delhi to regulate the functioning of nursing homes functioning within Delhi.

Sub Health Centres in Andhra Pradesh

1252. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Sub Health Centre (SHC) should be opened for every population of 5,000 in the plains;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a shortage of 22,000 SHCs in the country;

(c) the number of SHCs in the Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the number of Community Health Centres in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(e) the number of shortage of SHCs in Andhra Pradesh;

(f) the number of shortage of CHCs in Andhra Pradesh;

(g) in what way the recently launched National Rural health Mission proposed to set up more and more CHCs and SHCs in Andhra Pradesh as per 2001 population norms?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) Yes, Sir. A Sub-centre is opened to cater the need of 5000 people in plain area.

(b) Yes, Sir. There is a shortfall of 21983 Sub Centres in the country as per 2001 population norm.

(c) There are 12522 Sub-centres functioning in Andhra Pradesh, as on September, 2004.